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FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PROPERTY LOCATION

County: Bolivar Total Acres: 640 Latitude: -90.93 Longitude: 33.75
Section: 16 Township: 22N Range: 7W

DISCLAIMER

This information was derived from a small sampling of the forest resources. It reflects a statistical estimation that is only intended to be accurate enough for the purposes of making decisions for the short-term management of these resources. These estimations are temporally static. Events and circumstances may occur within the survey area that will physically alter the forest resources and therefore will not be reflected in this plan.

INTRODUCTION

This Forest Stewardship Management Plan will serve as a guide for accomplishing the goals and objectives for your property. In addition to addressing your specific goals and objectives, this plan includes recommendations for maintaining soil and water quality and protecting your forest from insects, disease, and wildfire. Recommendations are based on observation and assessment of the site.

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OBJECTIVES

Timber Production

The goal is to produce high quality sawtimber. This will be accomplished through reforestation and timber stand improvement practices such as herbicide applications, prescribed burning, thinning at specified intervals, and other silvicultural practices. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

Wildlife Management - General

The goal is to provide a diversity of habitats suitable for a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Habitat management will focus on developing a variety of food, cover, water, and space. This will be accomplished by establishing and maintaining access roads and firelanes, providing openings within the forest, and the management of trees located within the Streamside Management Zone.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

General Property Information

This section is located 3 miles East of Highway 1 at Beulah, MS. The Belman Bayou runs through the Northeast corner of the section. A minor ditch runs through a portion of the forest stand that is an off shoot of Stokes Bayou. The section is surrounded by agricultural land on the North, South, and East sides. It is bordered by private forestland on the West side. There are no roads that lead directly to the section. Access is by private land only using agricultural turn rows. This stand contains 384.87 acres of agricultural land and 255.14 acres of forest land.

Water Resources

Perennial water resources were identified during a reconnaissance of the property. However, intermittent streams and drains identified will be managed in accordance with Mississippi's Best Management Practices. Belman Bayou runs through the top Northeast corner of the section but doesn't affect the forestland in any way. An off shoot of Stokes Bayou runs through the forestland on the section, but it doesn't hold water year round.

Timber Production

The goal is to maximize the production of high quality timber. This will be accomplished through the application of timely thinning and other silvicultural practices designed to enhance timber quality and growth. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

Threatened and Endangered Species

No threatened and endangered species were identified during the reconnaissance and evaluation of your property. If any threatened or endangered species should be found on the property, special management strategies will be implemented to protect the species.

Interaction with Surrounding Property

Prescribed practices should be carried out in a manner that will minimize adverse impacts on surrounding properties. Consideration should be given to potential air, water, visual, and

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other impacts. In addition, practices carried out should have positive effects on the surrounding community such as improved wildlife habitat and soil stabilization.

Soils General

Soils were evaluated on the property to determine the suitability of the site for the proposed activities. Forest practices were planned so as to minimize erosion or other adverse effects on the soil. The following soils are identified for this property: Sharkey Clay (Se).

Archeological and Cultural Resources

No archeological or cultural resources were identified during a reconnaissance of the property. However, if archeological and cultural resources are discovered anytime on the property, special management measures will be implemented immediately to preserve these sensitive areas. These areas can include churches, cemeteries, old home sites, indian mounds, and areas of historical importance.

GENERAL PROPERTY RECOMMENDATIONS

Forest Protection

A healthy and vigorously growing stand is the best defense to an attack from a variety of forest insects, plants and pathogens.

Insects and Diseases

Trees are subject to attack from insects and diseases. Different insects and diseases affect trees according to the age, species, and condition of the trees. Planted stands of pines and pure stands of hardwoods are particularly susceptible to attack. Since there are many different insects and diseases, no attempt will be made here to explain all of them. The property should be inspected at least annually for possible signs of insect and disease activity. Some things to look for are:

- Unseasonable leaf fall
- Discoloration of leaves or needles
- Pitch pockets on pine trees
- Heavy defoliation of hardwood leaves
- Groups of three or more dying trees within a stand

This list does not cover all instances of insect or disease attacks. If anything unusual is noticed, report it to a forester. In most cases, insect and disease problems can be controlled if discovered early.

Fire Protection

Your forest should be protected from wildfire at all times. The best way to protect your investment is by establishing and maintaining firebreaks around the property. Guidelines for establishment and maintenance of firebreaks may be found in Mississippi Forestry Commission publication #107, *Mississippi's Best Management Practices*.

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Grazing

Tree seedlings should be protected from grazing until such time as the terminal bud of the sapling is beyond reach of livestock. Domestic livestock should be denied access to the tree planting area.

Boundary Lines

It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure that all property lines and boundaries designating areas to receive forestry work are clearly identified and visible to all contractors.

Note: Some forest practices may cause temporary adverse environmental or aesthetic impacts. These practices will only cause short-term adverse impacts where they are installed. Special efforts will be made to minimize adverse effects when carrying out any of the practices. Examples include: site preparation, planting, prescribed fires, firebreak installation and maintenance, road installation and maintenance, pesticide applications and timber harvesting.

Water Quality Protection

The objective of the landowner is to protect, preserve and enhance all water sources on or transecting the property. This can best be achieved by implementation of Best Management Practices in all aspects of the management of the property.

Aesthetics

The goal is to assure that the property is managed in such a way that is aesthetically pleasing to the landowner as well as the community. Activities could include, maintaining buffer strips along the road and adjacent to the home site, planting wildflowers along the road, and trees with attractive fall and spring color along the drive and near the home site.

Ecological Restoration

Ecological restoration is the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed. A reconnaissance of the property has been conducted and no ecological restoration activities are recommended at this time.

Wildlife Mgt. Target Species

The objective of this practice is to provide habitat best suited for the featured or target species. Habitat management will focus on providing food, cover, water, and space to facilitate the target species.

Environmental Education

Environmental educational goals are to provide educational opportunities for children and adults through the development of items such as nature trails with tree identification markers, wildlife viewing areas, picnic areas, parking, public restroom facilities.

Wildlife Management General

The goal is to provide a diversity of habitats suited for a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Habitat management will focus on providing a variety of food, cover, water, and space. This will be accomplished, in part, by establishing and maintaining

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access roads and firelanes, providing openings within the forest, and leaving mast producing and den trees.

Timber Management

Timber management goals for this property are to manage timber resources in such a manner as to maximize timber production throughout the life of the stand.

Recreation

According to landowner objectives the recreational use of the property could prove to be an avenue for personal enjoyment or for generating income. An evaluation of your property should be conducted and a plan developed to accomplish your specific goals for recreational activities on your property.

SOIL TYPES

Soil Description

The dominant soil on this section is Sharkey Silty Clay, nearly level phase (Se). This soil formed from fine-textured Mississippi River alluvium. The individual areas tend to be rather large. This soil is similar to Sharkey Clay in that it is poorly drained, has the same dark color, and has a clay subsurface layer. It differs chiefly in that it has a silty clay surface soil that is about 6 inches thick.

STANDS

Stand Sawtimber (S#2)

Stand Description

This is a bottomland hardwood stand containing 255.14 acres. It is of good quality. Dominant species include Green Ash, Bitter Pecan, Sugarberry, Elm, and various species of Oaks. The average age of this stand is 58 years old. It has a basal area of 120 square feet per acre and has about 124 trees per acre. The stand data shows about 34 tons of pulpwood per acre and 94 tons of sawtimber per acre. This stand is surrounded by private property on all sides making access difficult.

Stand Recommendations

The stand should be allowed to grow for the next ten years. It will be monitored for insects and disease as well as any needed maintenance by the Mississippi Forestry Commission. The West line should be checked for any needed boundary line maintenance since it joins private forest land on that side.

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Property

 Property (1)

Category 1: Stands


 Sawtimber (1)

Category 3: Non-Forest Stands


 Non-Forest (1)

MFC Basemap


County Boundary

 County Boundary (1)


Quadrangle Grid

 USGS Quad (2)


PLS Townships

 PLS Townships (1)


Survey Districts

 District 2 (1)


Blockgroup (Census 2000)

 Blockgroup (Census 2000) (1)


Block (Census 2000)

 Block (Census 2000) (2)


Tract/BSA (Census 2000)

 Tract/BSA (Census 2000) (1)


School Sections

 School Sections (1)

Public School Districts

 WEST BOLIVAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (1)

US Congressional District

 US Cong Dist #2 (1)


MS Senate

 22 (1)


MS House

 28 (1)


Intermittent Streams

 Intermittent Streams (8)


Hydrologic Units (Basins)

 BOGUE PHALIA RIVER (1)


Historic Forest Boundary

 Bottomland Hardwood (Oak-Gum-Cottonwood-Cypress) (1)


MS Forest Habitat


 YAZOO BASIN WETLANDS (1)

Physiographic Region

 Delta (1)

Soil Associations


 sharkey-tunica-dundee (1)

 forestdale-dundee-sharkey (1)


Surface Geology

 ALLUVIUM (1)


National Wildlife Refuge

 Dahomey (1)


MFC Districts

 MFC Districts (1)

MFC Dispatch Units

 MFC Dispatch Units (1)

MS Outline

 MS Outline (1)

Stand Activity Schedule for
West Bolivar School District
16 22N 7W

Strata	Stand	Activity	Acre	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
		Yearly Totals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Grand Totals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00